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Re: Appeal Nos. DOJ-AP-2019-003708 &  
DOJ-AP-2019-003709  
Request Nos. 1430803 & 1430804  
MWH:PJA

**VIA: Email**

Dear Paul Galante:

You appealed from the actions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act requests for access to records concerning the interception of diplomatic communications from the Chilean government during World War II. I note that your appeal concerns the FBI's full denial of your request. Please note that this Office was closed due to a lapse in funding appropriations between December 22, 2018 and January 25, 2019, which resulted in a delay in responding to your appeal.

After carefully considering your appeal, and as a result of discussions between FBI personnel and this Office, I am remanding your request to the FBI for additional review and processing. If the FBI determines that records are releasable, it will send them to you directly, subject to any applicable fees. You may appeal any future adverse determination made by the FBI. If you would like to inquire about the status of this remanded request or to receive an estimated date of completion, please contact the FBI directly at (540) 868-1535.

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeals, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeals, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

7/16/2019

X 

Matthew Hurd, Associate Chief, for  
Sean O'Neill, Chief, Administrative Appeals ...  
Signed by: MATTHEW HURD